

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
PLANNING COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

The West Reading Planning Commission met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Borough Hall with the following persons present: Chair Philip Wert, Christopher Lincoln, Jennifer Bressler, Terry Siggins and Christin Kelley. Maxine Goodwin was unable to attend. Borough Engineer Tom Unger was also in attendance.

Visitors: None

Mr. Wert called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

SALDO Update

The final draft of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance was distributed to Commission members. It is currently undergoing a legal review by Kozloff Stoudt.

General Code Codification Project

The Commission discussed how the review of the codification should proceed. It was noted that the draft manuscript contains all ordinances including those that have recently been passed whereas the old codification hasn't been updated since 2008. The Editorial and Legal Analysis document, as prepared by General Code must be reviewed and any changes/recommendations submitted to them in early January. It was decided that this should take precedence therefore the Commission will be meeting informally to review the document. The first 20 pages will be discussed at a work session on Monday, November 16th.

International Property Maintenance Code

The IPMC was discussed and Mr. Unger recommended that the Borough adopt the document in its entirety. Discussion ensued regarding the property maintenance requirements that currently exist in our ordinances and whether or not the IPMC would be sufficient on its own. It was also noted that the IPMC contains recommended guidelines that can be modified for the Borough, however the UCC regulations cannot be changed. Mr. Wert asked if SDE could compare the IPMC with our regulations concerning property maintenance so an informed decision can be made. Mr. Unger asked if it could be done over the winter months when their schedule slows down. It was noted that the IPMC can wait because the General Code review is of more importance at this point.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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